

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A wire termination apparatus for crimping a conductive lead of a component in a collapsible terminal having an insertion howl for receiving the conductive lead, the apparatus comprising:

an anvil configured to support the collapsible terminal;

a crimper aligned with the anvil, ~~the crimper and the anvil~~ and being movable toward and away from the anvil ~~each other~~ to crush and release the terminal; ~~and~~

a guide member having an upwardly open guide groove provided close to the anvil and aligned therewith for supporting the component and guiding the conductive lead into the an insertion hole in the terminal~~[[.]]~~;and

a positioning plate for positioning the elongate component by abutting the tip thereof, the positioning plate having an escape groove for allowing movement of the conductive lead during termination thereof; and

wherein the guide member is linked via a link piece to a ram on which the crimper is mounted such that the guide member is caused to retreat from the elongate component upon the downward motion of the crimper, before the crimper abuts the terminal.

2. (currently amended) A wire termination apparatus as defined in claim 1 wherein a terminal having a conductive lead inserted in the insertion hole and being placed on the anvil is crushed by the crimper, thereby terminating the conductive lead, which is inserted within the insertion hole of the terminal, ~~to the terminal~~.

3. (cancelled)

4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)

6. (cancelled)

7. (cancelled)

8. (currently amended) A wire termination apparatus as defined in claim ~~[[7]]~~ 1 configured to allow insertion of a second conductor into the collapsible terminal disposed on the anvil in a direction perpendicular to the conductive lead.

9. (cancelled)

10. (cancelled)

11. (original) A wire termination apparatus as defined in claim 1, further comprising:

a rail for guiding successive collapsible terminals mounted on a carrier strip onto the anvil.

12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A wire termination apparatus as defined in claim ~~[[42]]~~ 11 wherein a carrier brake is mounted on the rail and biased into frictional contact with the carrier strip.

14. (currently amended) A termination apparatus for terminating a conductive lead of a component in a collapsible terminal having an insertion hole for receiving the conductive lead, the apparatus comprising:

an anvil;

~~and~~ a crimper movable toward and away from the anvil ~~each other~~; and

a guide member having an upwardly open guide groove for supporting the component in a sliding relationship such that the conductive lead is inserted into the ~~an~~ insertion hole in the terminal~~[[7]]~~; and

a positioning plate for positioning the elongate component by abutting the tip thereof, the positioning plate having an escape groove for allowing movement of the conductive lead during termination thereof; and

wherein the guide member is linked via a link piece to a ram on which the crimper is mounted such that the guide member is caused to retreat from the elongate component upon the downward motion of the crimper, before the crimper abuts the terminal.

15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) A termination apparatus as defined in claim ~~[[15]]~~ 14, wherein a recess is disposed in the anvil to retain the collapsible terminal and the crimper is disposed on a vertical ram, aligned with the recess.